

# *If Your Dreams Take Off and Fly*



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For Oliver, William and Lara



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When the night is very dark  
And the moon is shining high,  
Let your dreams take to the skies  
Like a dancing butterfly.









You will travel to a place  
Where koalas you will see,  
And kangaroos and platypuses  
Running wild and free.

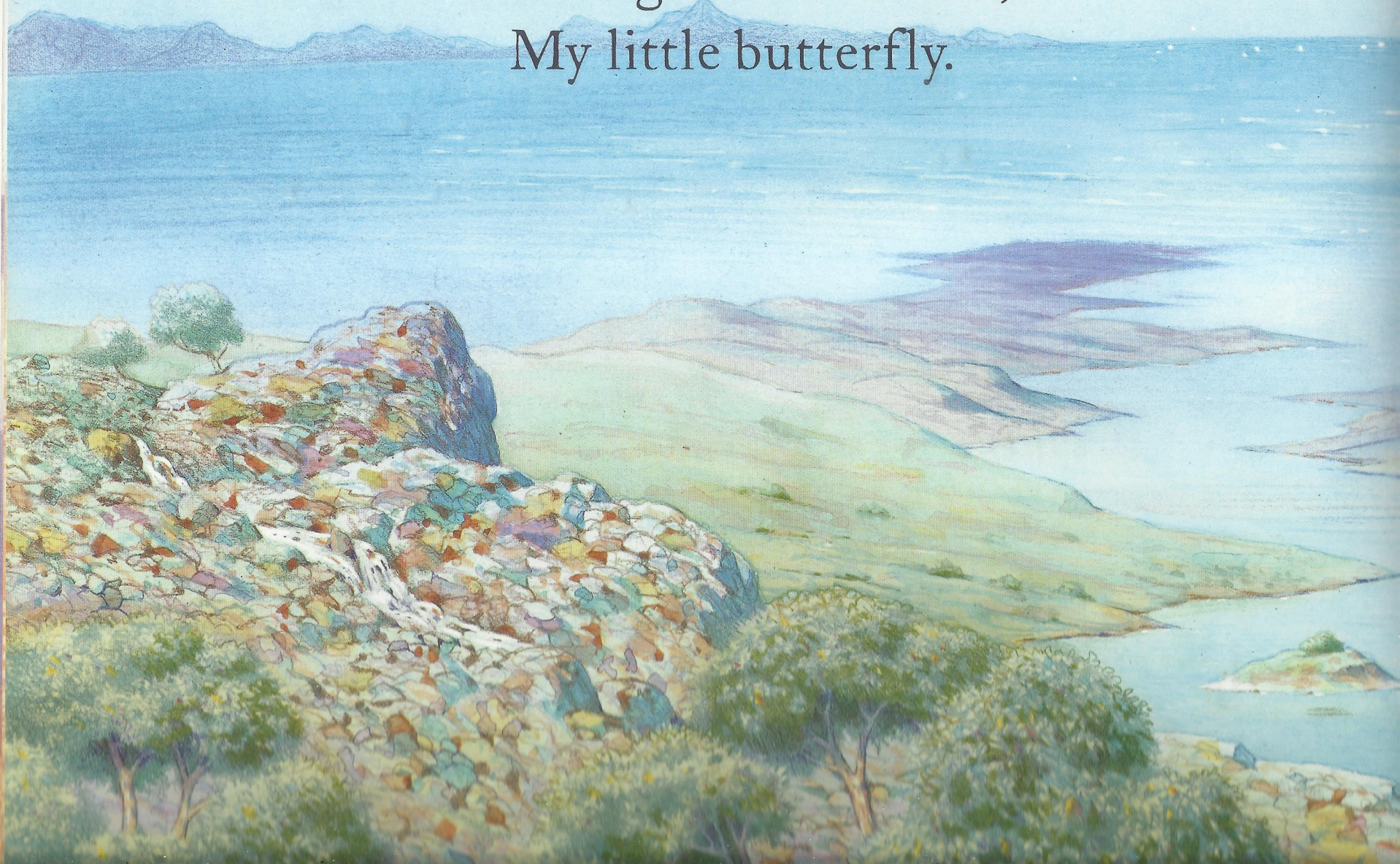








Then you'll leave them all behind  
As you flutter to the sky,  
Looking for adventure,  
My little butterfly.









Out across the oceans,  
Watching whales as you pass by,  
With all the world beneath you,  
Your dreams go flying high.













Then floating over icebergs,  
Where the icy, cold winds blow,  
You'll see penguins as they huddle,  
Finding shelter in the snow.





And when you reach the desert,  
Where warm winds blow the sand,



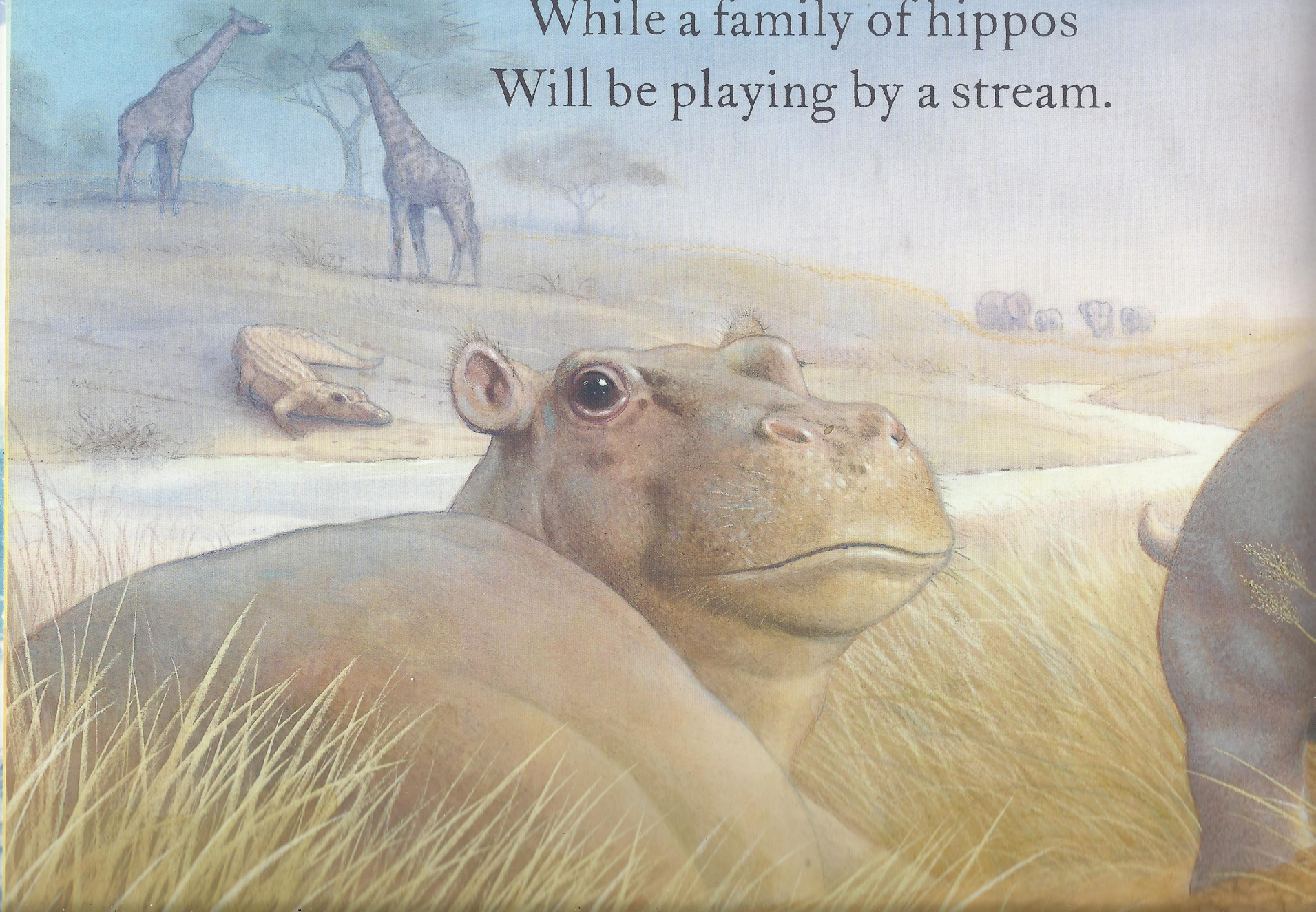


There'll be a baby camel  
Trotting out across the land.





Over grasslands and full rivers  
You'll be floating in your dream,  
While a family of hippos  
Will be playing by a stream.







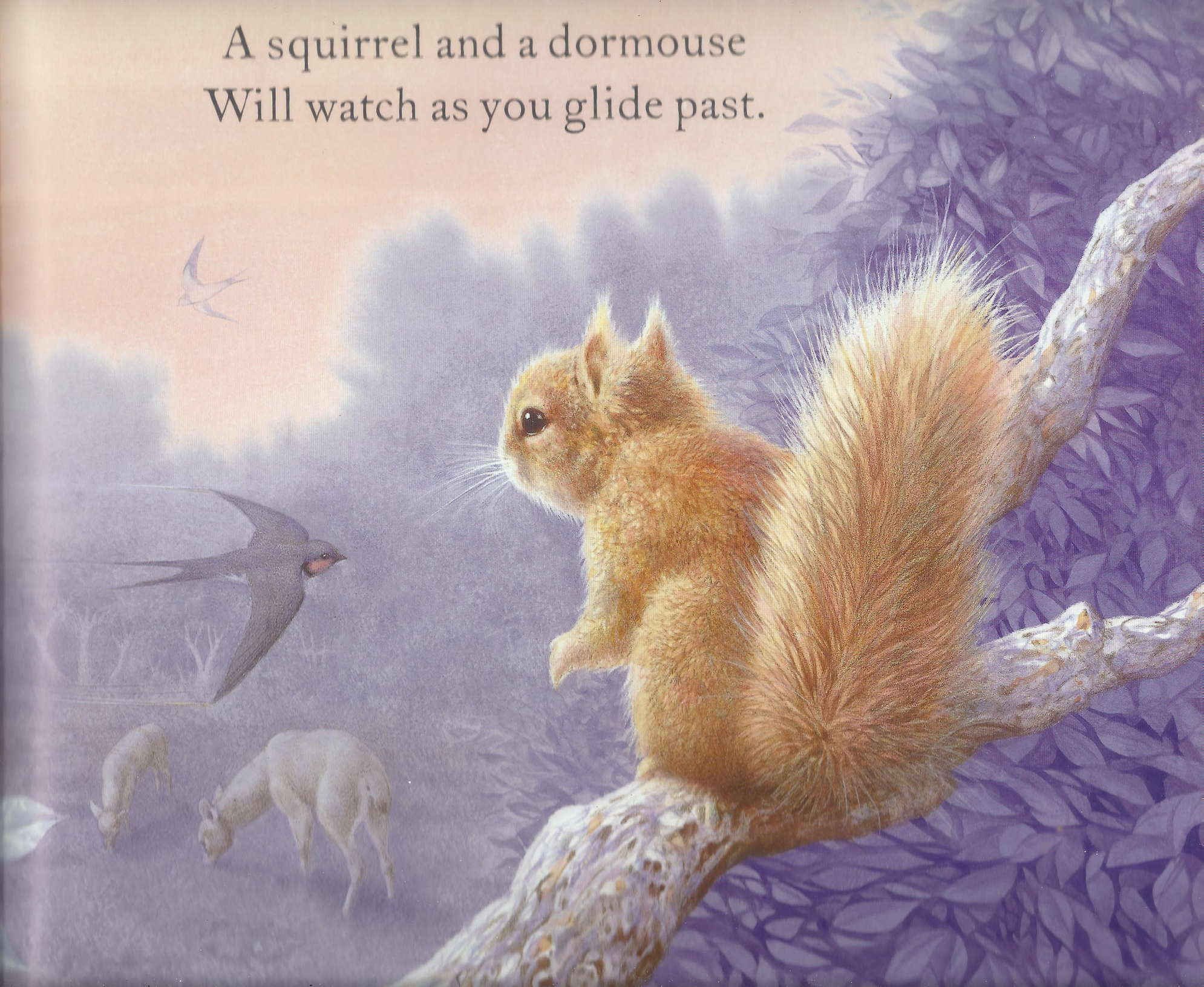


Drifting over forests,  
As swallows swoop so fast,





A squirrel and a dormouse  
Will watch as you glide past.






Then, flitting one last time  
In the yellow setting sun,






The background is a soft, painterly illustration. In the bottom left corner, a nest made of dry grass and twigs contains four small, fluffy yellow chicks. In the bottom right corner, a small reddish-brown bird is perched on a dark, gnarled branch, facing left. In the upper left corner, a small red butterfly is flying. The background is filled with soft, yellowish-green foliage and a large, bright, circular light source, possibly the sun or moon, creating a warm, hazy atmosphere.

You'll hear the sound of songbirds  
As their lullaby is sung.



The background of the page is a soft, painterly illustration. The foreground is filled with a dense field of white daisies with yellow centers. In the middle ground, a gentle hill rises, its top shrouded in a thick, white mist or fog. The sky above is a pale, hazy blue, dotted with numerous small, bright white stars of varying sizes, creating a magical, ethereal atmosphere.

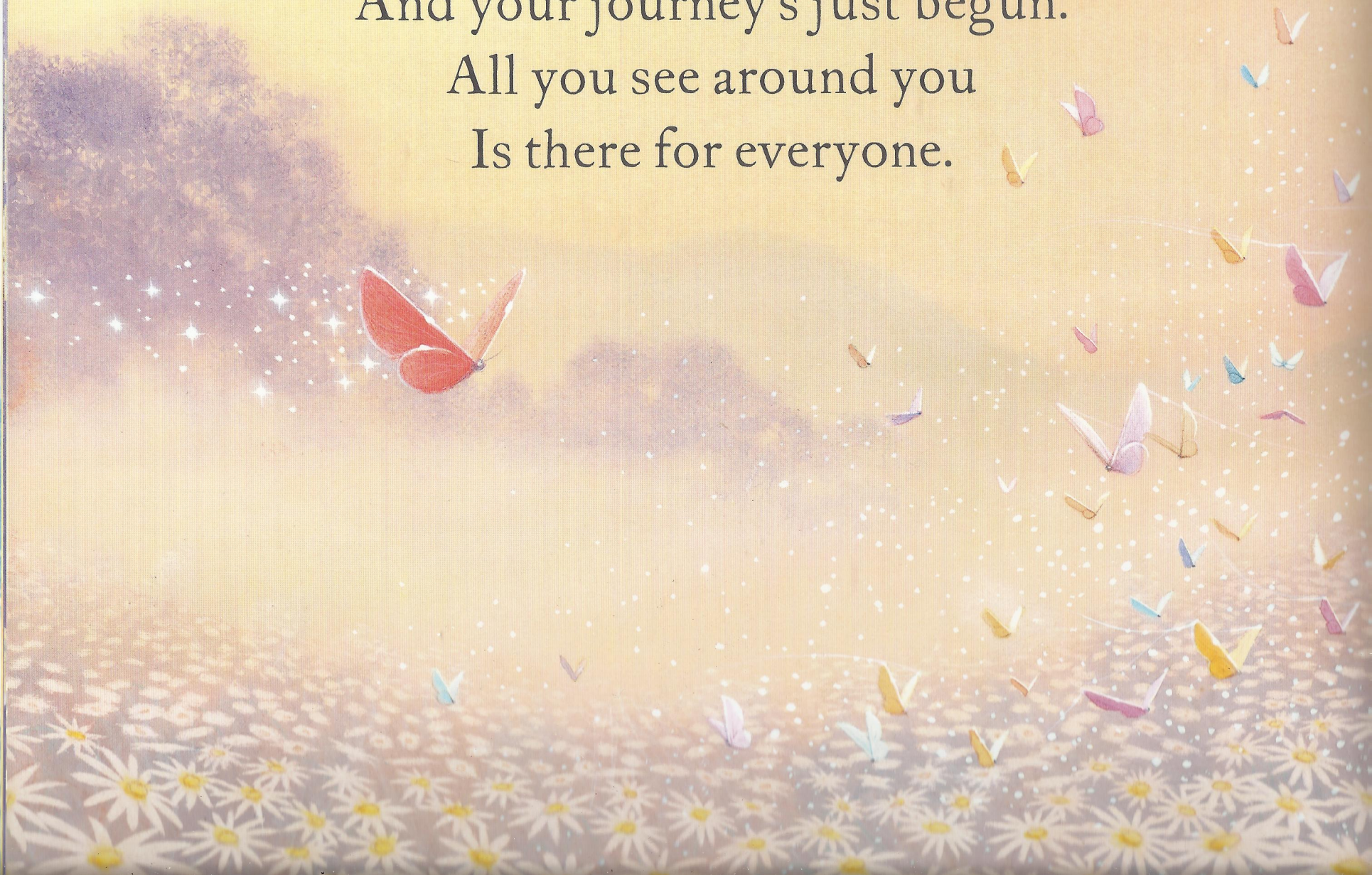
You will see so many things  
And you will realize why,  
Like you, this world is precious,  
My little butterfly.







Our world is full of wonder  
And your journey's just begun.  
All you see around you  
Is there for everyone.









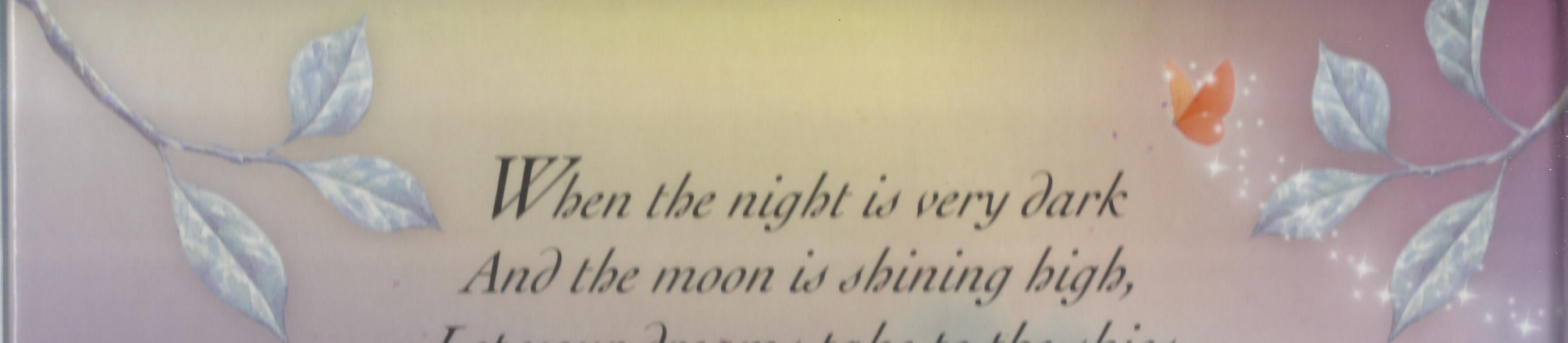
And now it's time to sleep,  
But remember, if you try,  
Anything can happen  
If your dreams take off and fly.





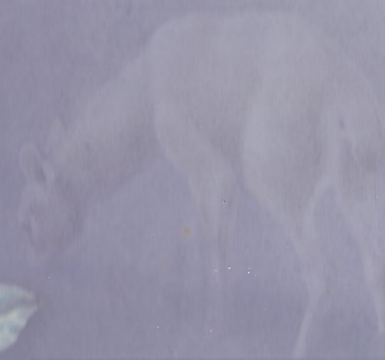
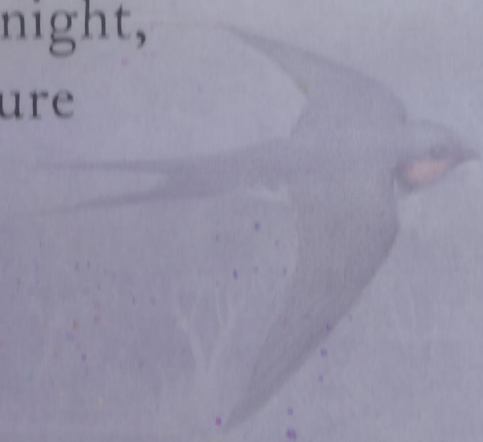






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Like a dancing butterfly.*

As a little boy drifts off to sleep one night,  
his dreams take him on an adventure  
around the world.



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